

--- All About Family Medicine - Notice of Privacy Practices ---

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW PROTECTED MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GAIN ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

All About Family Medicine (AAFM) is permitted to make uses and disclosures of protected health information for:

- a. **Treatment** – i.e.; ordering and obtaining off site tests/results, writing prescriptions, etc.
- b. **Payment** – i.e.; submitting insurance claims on your behalf for treatment rendered
- c. **Health care operations** – i.e.; internal business planning activities and quality of care evaluation.

AAFM is permitted or required, under specific circumstances, to use or disclose protected health information without the individual's written authorization, including, but not limited to:

- a. **Disclosures required by law**
- b. **Disclosures to avert serious threats to health or safety**
- c. **Disclosures with reference to workers' compensation**

Other uses and disclosures will be made only with the individual's written authorization, and the individual may revoke such authorization.

AAFM may contact the individual to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to the individual or patient. AAFM will routinely contact patients via telephone at home and/or work and may leave messages on the appropriate voice mail or answering service regarding appointments, test results, etc.

The individual has the following rights regarding protected health information:

- a. The right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of protected health information. AAFM is not required to agree to a requested restriction, however.
- b. The right to receive confidential communications of protected health information, as applicable.
- c. The right to inspect and copy protected health information, as provided in the Privacy Regulation.
- d. The right to amend protected health information, as provided in the Privacy Regulation.
- e. The right to receive an accounting of disclosures of protected health information.
- f. The right to obtain a paper copy of the Notice from the covered entity upon request. This right extends to an individual who has agreed to receive the Notice electronically.

AAFM is required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information and to provide individuals with notice of its legal duties and Privacy practices with respect to protected health information. AAFM is required to abide by the terms of the Notice currently in effect.

AAFM reserves the right to change the terms of this Notice. The new Notice provisions will be effective for all protected health information that it maintains. AAFM will provide individuals or patients with a revised Notice by posting new regulations in each office.